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SC Court of Appeals

James Steven Patton  
PLAINTIFF(S)

South Carolina State Of  
DEFENDANT(S)

**DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)**

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  
 Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  
 Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  
 Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  
 Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

**IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court:

See page 2

**ORDER INFORMATION**

This order  ends  does not end the case.  See Page 2 for additional information.

**For Clerk of Court Office Use Only**

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**Court Reporter:**

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This matter is before the Court on appeal from the Magistrate's court. Counsel for both parties made persuasive arguments on behalf of their clients. Based on a review of the file, pleadings, submissions of the parties, and oral argument, the Court finds no error.

In South Carolina, the circuit court does not conduct a de novo review in criminal appeals from the magistrate court. The Court reviews for any preserved error raised in the court below. *State v. Henderson*, 347 S.C. 455, 457, 556 S.E.2d 691, 692 (Ct. App. 2001); see also S.C. Code Ann. Section 18-3-70 (2014). On appeal, it is incumbent upon the Appellant to present evidence to indicate an error exists. The Court finds no error exists and seeing no error, the decision below is AFFIRMED.

It Is So Ordered.



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G.D. Morgan Jr.